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1. POST BELIEVES FULLEST POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION PRESIDENT'S CONCEPT NEW, IMPROVED CULTURAL RELATIONS FOR AMERICAS MERITS PRIORITY ATTENTION. COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM CERTAIN TO APPEAL TO APPETITE FOR U.S. RECOGNITION OF LATIN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION WHILE PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED ASSISTANCE TO UNFINISHED AREA PROJECTS. ALSO, IN VIEW CARIBBEAN DEEP CULTURAL AWARENESS, ESPECIALLY RESPECT TO ARTS, BELIEVE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVOKE MAJOR APPRECIATION AND INDUCE LONG-RANGE POSITIVE EFFECT.

2. WHILE SOME IMPROVEMENT COULD BE EFFECTED BY SIMPLY INCREASING BUDGETS FOR PRESENT PROGRAMS, OUR VIEW IS THAT THE AREAS EXISTING POLITICAL AND BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES WILL SERIOUSLY IMPEDE EFFECTIVE

EXPANSION. FURTHER BELIEVE THAT CARIBBEAN UNIQUENESS REQUIRES REGIONAL TREATMENT WITH NON-DISRUPTIVE BUT NEVERTHELESS EFFECTIVE LOGISTICAL DIVISION FROM OTHER HEMISPHERE PLANNING.

- 3. POST THEREFORE RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE SUCH AS "AMERICAN-CARIBBEAN FOUNDATION" THROUGH WHICH U.S., OAS, AND OTHER GRANTS AND PARTICIPANT RESOURCES CAN BE CHANNELED AND NECESSARY INTERGOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED. THIS MIGHT BE EXPLORED IN CONNECTION WITH OR AFFILIATED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CARIBBEAN DISCUSSED APRIL 4 WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS BY CALIFORNIA LT. GOVERNOR DYMALLY AND OTHERS.
- 4. COUNCIL WOULD INCLUDE CARIBBEAN AND AMERICAN DIRECTORS, OPERATING FROM SOME SUITABLY "NEUTRAL" BASE WITHIN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN, WITH APPROPRIATE MATCHING APPARATUS IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. IT WOULD ASSIST EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL TALENTS THROUGH PROGRAMS INCLUDING DIRECT GRANTS, AWARDS, ENDOWMENTS, UNIVERSITY CHAIRS, PARTICIPANT EXCHANGES, PERFORMANCE SUBSIDIES, ETC.
- 5. FINALLY, POST RECOMMENDS FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY SIX-MONTH DETAILED PROJECT DEVELOPMENT STUDY TO BEGIN SOONEST. STUDY GROUP, IN ADDITION TO AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICIPANTS, SHOULD INCLUDE RESPECTED, EXPERIENCED CARIBBEAN FIGURES INCLUDING ONE IN ARTS SUCH AS DEREK WALCOTT WHO WE ARE CERTAIN WILL ACCEPT WITH ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM.
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